

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. The status of the claims is as follows:

- Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-21, 23-28, 30, and 32-35 are currently pending.
- Claims 3, 19, 24, 26-28, and 33 are canceled herein.
- Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-10, 12-18, 20, 21, 23, 25, 32, 34, and 35 are amended herein.

Support for the amendments to the claims is found at least in the previously presented claims. Specifically, claim 1 is amended to include subject matter from previously presented claim 3; claim 12 is amended to include subject matter from previously presented claim 19; claim 23 is amended to include subject matter from previously presented claim 24; claim 25 is amended to include subject matter from previously presented claims 26-28; and claim 32 is amended to include subject matter from previously presented claim 33.

Claims 2, 4, 6-10, 13-18, 20, 21, 34, and 35 are amended to recite proper antecedent basis in light of the amendments to claims 1, 12, 23, 25, and 32.

The amendments submitted herein do not introduce any new matter.

Allowed Claims

The Office Action indicates that claim 30 is allowed. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claim 30. Claim 30 has not been amended herein, and therefore remains in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates the following claims as including allowable subject matter:

- Claims 24, 28, and 33-35 are objected to as depending from a rejected base claim. The Examiner has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claims from which they depend.
- Claims 13-21 are objected to as depending from a rejected base claim. The Examiner has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claims from which they depend.
- Claims 3, 4, and 7-9 are indicated as being allowable if amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection.

Claims 24, 28, and 33-35

Claim 23 is amended to include the subject matter previously recited in claim 24. Accordingly, based on the indication that claim 24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 23, as amended herein, is allowable.

Claim 25 is amended to include the subject matter previously recited in claim 28 (and intervening claims 26 and 27). Accordingly, based on the indication that claim 28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 25, as amended herein, is allowable.

Claim 32 is amended to include the subject matter previously recited in claim 33, and claims 34 and 35 are amended to depend from claim 32. Accordingly, based on the indication that claims 33-35 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 32, 34, and 35, as amended herein, are allowable.

Claims 13-21

Claim 12 is amended to include the subject matter previously recited in claim 19. Accordingly, based on the indication that claim 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 12, as amended herein, is allowable.

Claims 13-18, 20, and 21 ultimately depend from claim 12. Accordingly, these claims are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from an allowable base claim.

Claims 3, 4, and 7-9

Claim 1 is amended to recite "a method," rather than "one or more computer-readable storage media," and to include the subject matter previously recited in claim 3. Accordingly, based on the indication that claim 3 would be allowable if amended to overcome the 101 rejection, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1, as amended herein, is allowable.

Claims 4 and 7-9 ultimately depend from claim 1. Accordingly, these claims are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from an allowable base claim.

Claims 1-4, 6-10, and 12-21 Recite Statutory Subject Matter Under § 101

Claims 1-4, 6-10, and 12-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Nevertheless, for the sole purpose of expediting prosecution and without further commenting on the propriety of the Office's rejections, Applicant herein cancels claim 3, cancels claim 19, and amends claims 1, 2, 4, 6-10, 12-18, 20, and 21 as shown above to recite "a method." Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments render the § 101 rejection moot.

Cited Documents

The following documents have been applied to reject one or more claims of the Application:

- **Fuller:** Fuller, et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0033760
- **Robinett:** Robinett, et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0131443
- **Wang:** Wang, U.S. Patent No. 6,516,029

Fuller Fails to Anticipate Claim 23

Claim 23 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Fuller. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the amendments presented herein.

As discussed above, claim 23 is amended herein to recite subject matter previously presented in claim 24, which has been indicated allowable. Accordingly,

based on the amendment presented herein, claim 23 is allowable, and Applicant respectfully requests that the 102 rejection of claim 23 be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 12, 25-27, and 32 are Non-Obvious Over Fuller and Robinett

Claims 1, 2, 6, 12, 25-27, and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Fuller in view of Robinett. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the amendments presented herein.

As discussed above, independent claim 1 is amended herein to recite subject matter previously presented in claim 3, which has been indicated allowable. Accordingly, based on the amendment presented herein, claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 2 and 6 ultimately depend from claim 1. Therefore, claims 2 and 6 are also allowable at least their dependency from an allowable base claim, and also for the additional features that each recites.

As discussed above, independent claim 12 is amended herein to recite subject matter previously presented in claim 19, which has been indicated allowable. Accordingly, based on the amendment presented herein, claim 12 is allowable.

As discussed above, independent claim 25 is amended herein to recite subject matter previously presented in claims 26-28, the combination of which has been indicated allowable. Accordingly, based on the amendment presented herein, claim 25 is allowable.

Claims 26 and 27 are canceled herein, rendering the rejection of claims 26 and 27 moot.

As discussed above, independent claim 32 is amended herein to recite subject matter previously presented in claim 33, which has been indicated allowable. Accordingly, based on the amendment presented herein, claim 32 is allowable.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 103 rejection of claims 1, 2, 6, 12, 25-27, and 32 be withdrawn.

Claim 10 is Non-Obvious Over Fuller, Robinett, and Wang

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Fuller in view of Robinett and further in view of Wang. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the amendments presented herein.

Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to recite subject matter previously presented in claim 3, which has been indicated allowable. Claim 10 depends from independent claim 1. As discussed above, claim 1, as amended herein has been indicated allowable. Therefore, claim 10 is also allowable at least for its dependency from an allowable base claim, and also for the additional features that it recites.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office withdraw the 103 rejection of claim 10.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application.

If any issues remain that would prevent allowance of this application, **Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative before issuing a subsequent Action.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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